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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on December 7, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims and to further examiner the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.